The CBS Early Show features Hanger

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New York, N.Y., June 16, 2011 – This morning Hanger patient Joe Tucker, his Hanger prosthetist John Rheinstein, CP, and Hanger patient and employee Bill Dunham were featured on *The CBS Early Show*.

Watch the clip in its entirety here: http://www.cbs.com/daytime/the_early_show/video/?pid=zw9_heHr3_jXfZj3HWmdNesPypOXSTeD

42-year-old New York resident and father-of-four Joe Tucker is one of the first civilians to be fit with a new bionic prosthetic leg developed in collaboration with Otto Bock and the U.S. Military called the Genium Bionic Prosthetic System. The Genium combines a complex sensory system (including an accelerometer and a gyroscope) with sophisticated rule sets to create the first intuitive knee ever created, allowing patients to immediately change speeds, walk up stairs, backwards, multi-directionally, over obstacles, in wet rugged environments – all with greater efficiency.

Hanger patient and employee retired Sergeant Bill Dunham of the U.S. Army's 75th Ranger Regiment traveled to New York to meet with Tucker as a peer advisor as part of the Amputee Empowerment Partners Program. An active participant in the beta trials of the Genium Knee over the past year, Dunham has aggressively tested the knee over various rocky terrains and in a number of different environments, including while sailing in the Chesapeake Bay. Dunham worked with Tucker as he learned to optimize the new Genium technology.

To learn more about the Genium, visit www.Hanger.com.

About Joe Tucker:
42-year-old father-of-four Joe Tucker lives with his family in Putnam Valley, New York where he works as the manager of a car dealership. Soon after the birth of his first child, while living in the Bronx where he was born and raised, a motorcycle accident in June 1995 took his leg above-the-knee.

Since then, this “Average Joe” decided to live a less-than-ordinary life by thriving as a field athlete in the shot, discuss, and javelin on the U.S. Disabled Track & Field Team. Determined not to let his disability define him or others, Tucker also began talking with high school students about discrimination and physical differences. Additionally, he has spent weeks volunteering at a camp for children with limb loss and other disabilities.

With four children ages 4 – 17, Tucker is an extremely active dad, doing everything from coaching their sporting teams to getting them ready in the mornings while his wife is at work and then driving them to school.

About Bill Dunham:
42-year-old retired Sergeant Bill Dunham of the U.S. Army's 75th Ranger Regiment lost his leg to machine gun fire during the invasion of Panama known as Operation "Just Cause," December 20, 1989. A member of the elite U.S. Army Special Operations Command, Dunham was assigned to a regiment that's mission was to parachute into the Panamanian Defense Force's 6th Infantry Company at Rio Hato, secure the airfield, and apprehend Manuel Noriega. During the mission, Dunham and four fellow soldiers were hit by friendly fire; two of the men died, including Dunham's squad leader, and three of the men were severely wounded. Dunham sustained the worst injuries of the survivors.

Dunham was airlifted to Willford Hall Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas. Over the next three years, Dunham underwent 21 surgeries. Initial attempts were made to save his leg, but ultimately it had to be amputated above-the-knee. During his recovery, Dunham received visits from Ross Perot and President George H. W. Bush, who presented him with his combat jump wings.

Dunham went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts in History and Master of Science in Defense and Strategic Studies. He held intelligence and security management positions with the Pentagon and a major U.S. corporation. Currently, Dunham is an employee of Hanger in Oklahoma where he receives his prosthetic care and serves as a regional Amputee Empowerment Partners (AEP) coordinator, providing peer-to-peer support visits with people who are facing an amputation or have undergone an amputation.

About John Rheinstein, CP:
John Rheinstein is an ABC board certified prosthetist with 18 years of clinical experience practicing in New York City with Hanger Prosthetics & Orthotics. He received his prosthetic education at Northwestern University Medical School’s Prosthetics & Orthotics Center at the Rehab Institute of Chicago. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Orthotists and Prosthetists.

Rheinstein has specialized experience with active, proximal level, and upper extremity amputation patients as well as immediate post-operative care. He is the co-inventor of the Aircast Air-Limb post-operative prosthesis and is active in research and patient care applications of new products. He presents at academic conferences, teaches continuing education courses to prosthetists, and trains prosthetic residents. Rheinstein recently authored a textbook chapter on prosthetic feet and edited two issues of “The Academy Today” on the subject of Amputation Surgical Technique and Soft Tissue Management in Amputees.

About Hanger Prosthetics and Orthotics:
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